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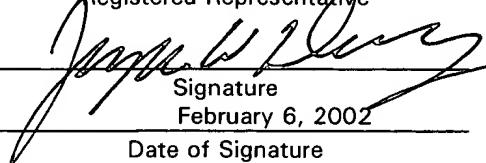
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Case No. 9281/3900
ALPS No. N US00052

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
SATO et al.)	
Serial No.: 09/802,314)	Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Filed: March 8, 2001)	Group Art Unit: 2652
For: THIN-FILM MAGNETIC HEAD)	
APPROPRIATELY SUPPRESSING)	
SIDE FRINGING AND METHOD FOR)	
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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to the Decision Refusing Status Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) dated October 10, 2001 for a period of two (2) months.

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Applicant is:

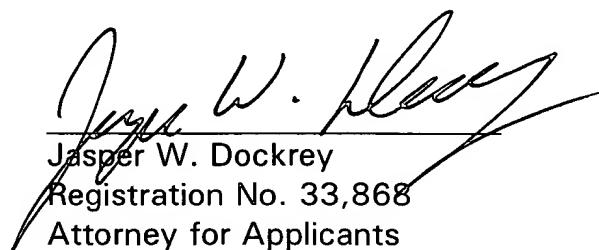
- a small entity, verified statement is:
 - attached
 - already filed
- other than small entity

<u>Extension Months</u>	<u>Other Than Small Entity</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> One Month	\$110.00	\$55.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Two Months	\$400.00	\$200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Three Months	\$920.00	\$460.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Four Months	\$1,440.00	\$720.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Five Months	\$1,960.00	\$980.00

Fee Payment

- Attached is a check for \$400.00 for the Petition fee.
- Charge Petition fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.
- Charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,



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